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**Cover:** In Greek mythology Chiron, called the wisest and most just of the centaurs, raised Aesculapius and instructed him in the art of healing. Michael A. Antonelle '62, Editor of Chironian, recently discovered this photograph in the Fleur-O-Scope of his year, the 25th anniversary class. It shows a sculpture called "The First Chironian," by Abram Belskie, a noted sculptor who lectured in anatomy at New York Medical College. The next issue of Chironian will carry an interview with Mr. Belskie, now 80 years young, and living in northern New Jersey.

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# Highlights of the Year:

## A Message from the Alumni Association President



DYNECOURT MAHON

Dear Fellow Alumni and Alumnae:

The State of the Alumni Message becomes easier to write each year but harder to keep to the allotted word count because there is so much to cover. It becomes a question of selection. What were the major happenings? What were the highlights of the past year?

Unquestionably, the formation of a new chapter is a highlight. Vigorous, lively chapters are the key to the continued growth of our organization. The highly successful first meeting of the New York City Chapter augurs well for its healthy development. Similarly, a Western Regional group was activated and met in Las Vegas for a combination of fun and study. *Chapter News*, pages 22-24, describes these and other events. We now need your participation in forming chapters in New England, the Midwest, and the Southwest to complement our chapters in northern and southern California, Florida, Long Island, New Jersey, and New York. We have hale and hearty graduates throughout the country and it would be advantageous to both the College and our membership to have increased chapter involvement.

Special events are held at various times through the year. The weeklong CME program in Puerto Rico; the annual alumni weekend, with the popular five-year class reunions; and the special gala tributes to 25-year and 50-year graduates attract increasing attendance and add strength to the Alumni network throughout the country.

The goals that we have achieved together confirm our commitment to College needs. Thanks to the funds raised in 1986, the Computer Assisted Instruction (CAI) facility will soon open. Our appreciation goes to the 1,149 Alumni who contributed. The amount raised to date for the Comparative Medicine program indicates that we will again exceed our goal; at the time of this writing the number of

alumni contributors had increased by 32% over last year.

I am also delighted to report the results, just in, of the Student/Alumni Phonathon. More than 100 students called 3,300 alumni across the country, soliciting gifts for the Student Loan Fund which, as you know, is crucial to the educational survival of many students. Meeting a challenge from current and former parents who pledged to match any increase in alumni gifts over the last year, 681 alumni pledged a total of \$82,988 compared to last year's total of 478 alumni giving \$60,000. This was a heartwarming increase in much needed funds.

Two books of interest to alumni are being published at this time. The second (1987) edition of the *Directory of Alumni and Alumnae* has been mailed to all who ordered it. This is the best reference for us to have on hand in finding one another. A history of the College, updating and adding significantly to the original work of Leonard P. Wershub '27, is scheduled for publication this spring. It is entitled *Cor et Manus: A History of New York Medical College*.

We are a dynamic medical school in many ways. The College has been consolidating the campus by relocating its administrative functions to the Sunshine Cottage, which is adjacent to the Basic Sciences Building. When that move takes place the Alumni Office will finally move to the Alumni Center.

Across the road from these buildings are the student apartments that together with the adjoining eight acres, form a \$7.8 million housing complex, which has now been deeded to the College. The complex, having a net gift value of \$5.5 million after calculation of the mortgage, represents the largest gift ever received by the College. Continuing negotiations are being held to acquire additional land for a much needed clinical research building, which will also incorporate a new,

expanded library and an appropriate auditorium for our ever-growing College community. This is a very important future goal. With vigorous support from the Alumni it will be reached.

As *Chironian* went to press the College announced the appointment of Acting Dean Karl P. Adler, M.D. as Dean of the Medical School. Dr. Adler is a professor of medicine and had been associate chairman of the department since coming to the College in 1981. He was also chief of medicine at Metropolitan Hospital Center and president of the Medical Board.

The Board of Governors, a devoted group, has increased its membership with the election of Donald S. Gromisch '60 and Martin F. McGowan '46. One of our active Governors, Philip A. Marraccini '50, has recently been elected to the Board of Trustees of the College, symbolizing the close relationship and mutual respect between the Association and the College.

This *Chironian* message comes as I near the end of my term as President. Taking the reins from Joseph Dursi, in June 1985, made my task much easier; the tracks were smooth and well-established. In reviewing these two years I am pleased by the knowledge that we are doing better and better as the number of active Alumni has continued to grow. An enthusiastic Board of Governors and a responsive membership have made my task pleasurable. I have been privileged to serve as your President; it is an honor I shall always cherish. I am confident that under the leadership of Paul Tartell '52, my successor, we shall go forward to new heights of achievement.

Sincerely yours,

Rita F. Girolamo

Rita F. Girolamo '51



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# Your Alma Mater: A Medical University

## An Interview with the Dean of the Graduate Schools, Charles E. Ford, Ed. D.

The continuing expansion of the College's scope and diversity has been given official recognition by the New York State Department of Education. The College is now known as New York Medical College—A Medical University. *Chironian* called on Charles E. Ford, Ed.D., dean of the Graduate Schools, whose students now account for 41 percent of the NYMC's degree candidates.

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*"Alumni will be interested in the variety of positions held by our degree recipients."*

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**Q:** Dr. Ford, many of our medical school alumni/ae are familiar with the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences through their basic science courses. Fewer are familiar with the Graduate School of Health Sciences. Will you review the evolution of the graduate programs?

**A:** The year 1987 is actually the 49th year of the graduate education at New York Medical College, the 24th year of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, and the seventh year of the Graduate School of Health Sciences. It is also the 77th year since faculty and students established a formal program for discussion of advances in the medical sciences. Total enrollment in the Graduate Schools reached 525 in the fall of 1986, 254 in Basic Medical Sciences, and 271 in the Health Sciences School.

**Q:** What are some of the new developments in the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences?

**A:** We're very excited about the initiation of a Ph.D. program in molecular biology, now awaiting review by the Board of Trustees. A molecular biology doctorate would be the first interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree offered in the basic medical sciences. As you know, molecular biology has become the primary area of concentration in biomedical research. Our Molecular Biology Committee is chaired by Susan Wallace, Ph.D., professor of microbiology, who is doing very important work in DNA repair. She has just received a MERIT award from the National Cancer Institute of NIH. This prestigious award, given for a five-year period, carries a projected value between two and three million dollars.

Another timely development is the allocation of a computer literacy installation to each department of the School. This follows the decision two years ago to substitute computer literacy for the foreign language previ-

ously required of all Ph.D. candidates. The School offers the Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in anatomy, biochemistry, microbiology and immunology, pharmacology, and physiology. The Ph.D. degree is offered in pathology and the M.S. in a multidisciplinary basic medical sciences program.

**Q:** Can you tell us where recent degree recipients of this School are working; what types of jobs they hold?

**A:** Alumni/ae will be interested in the variety of positions held by the School's degree recipients. They are employed in academic, corporate, and entrepreneurial positions in industry, medical centers, and research laboratories, both academic and industrial. Among them are General Foods, Cornell-New York Hospital, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, University of Texas Health Sciences Center, Ciba-Geigy, Scripps Institute, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the Sports Medicine Institute of Lenox Hill Hospital, and the Roche Research Institute of Molecular Biology.

**Q:** What was the basic premise underlying the establishment of the Graduate School of Health Sciences? Would you give us a brief overview of the disciplines encompassed by the School?

**A:** The disciplines of this School draw on traditional bodies of knowledge: the biological sciences, medicine, management, mathematics, engineering, law, philosophy, theology, psychology, and sociology. The School's mandate is to prepare highly trained personnel capable of assuming leadership roles in the health professions. To this end, graduate courses in the health sciences are now offered by five clinical departments of the College: Community and Preventive Medicine, Dentistry, Medicine, Pediatrics, and Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

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*"A plan under discussion would develop in-house, corporate-based universities-without-walls programs in public health."*

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**Q:** In reading through your information bulletins we note the substantial, timely, and very tempting offerings of the M.S. and M.P.H. tracks. Could you walk us through those tracks briefly so that alumni and alumnae will be informed of the degree programs open to qualified candidates?

**A:** We offer eleven programs toward the M.S. degree; twelve for the M.P.H. Included in both are health policy and



management, nutrition, developmental disabilities, emergency medical services, epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental health science, international health, and gerontology. In addition, an M.S. degree is offered in exercise physiology and health psychology, and an M.P.H. is offered in public health, occupational health and maternal and child health.

*"We're very excited about the proposed Ph.D. program in molecular biology. . . a centerpiece of a crucial field and for the university an enhancement of our growing reputation in research."*

**Q:** Is there a discernible trend in the response to certain programs?

**A:** Programs developed in this School have received a high level of response. Highest enrollment is in nutrition, under the direction of Jack Cooperman, Ph.D. More than 100 matriculants are enrolled either full or part-time, making this one of the largest graduate program in nutrition in the eastern United States. The health policy and management program has also been very well received by students of a high caliber. Two relatively new programs, international health and maternal and child health, were the stars of the 1985-86 academic year, with an enrollment that surprised us.

**Q:** We understand that there are some new dual-degree programs involving the medical students. Can you describe these for the alumni?

**A:** Yes. In response to increased interest on the part of medical students who want to combine clinical and research career opportunities the M.D./Ph.D. program is being expanded. Also, a number of the Medical School students are pursuing the M.P.H. degree concurrently with their M.D. degree programs.

It is interesting to note further how the M.P.H. track in emergency medical services exemplifies the effective interrelationships that are being developed among the schools of our medical university. This program is designed to educate professionals for research, teaching, and administration. With the Institute on Trauma and Emergency Care (ITEC), established in 1985, as the focal point, M.P.H. candidates enjoy a close professional relationship with the clinical faculty of the Medical College and the academic faculty of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences.

ITEC already enjoys the counsel of a broad-based advisory group drawn from all appropriate basic science and medical disciplines and external agencies, including a residency in preventive medicine at our Lady of Mercy Medical Center and E.M.S. residencies at Lincoln and Metropolitan medical centers. Plans call for New York Medical College to assume a leadership position, evolving into a major center in the field of E.M.S. An M.P.H. in E.M.S. from our Graduate School should then be a coveted degree.

**Q:** We have heard of the possibility of universities-without-walls programs in public health. Can you tell us what is in store?

**A:** Fulfilling the mandate of the trustees that our Graduate School and Medical School programs move toward an integrated approach to the preparation of health professionals, a plan is under discussion that would develop in-house, corporate-based universities-without-walls programs in public health. Wellness, screening, cost containment and technology are converging in model programs that will have increasing impact on the American work force. We are currently negotiating with three major corporations for degree or certificate programs for their scientific and medical staffs.

**Q:** In terms of future planning, what are the priorities of the graduate schools?

**A:** The future of graduate education at New York Medical College is clearly assured, but if we are to achieve and maintain peak performance, certain priorities must be met. Our increasing number of students requires an increased number of full-time faculty. We need additional space for the library and additional classrooms for medical and graduate education. A vast hall of graduate studies would improve our facilities immeasurably.

Meanwhile, our students and faculty are fully alive and well—and on behalf of us all let me say that we appreciate the interest of the Alumni Association in our endeavors. We also invite all alumni and alumnae to visit us whenever they are in the area, and to call or write for information. Their inquiries will always be welcome.

Dean Ford with Ellen Kinsler, a candidate for the M.P.H. degree.



EDWARD L. PERRATORE



# Friendships Renewed: 1936 to 1986

Five-year reunions have a special dynamic. The camaraderie and connections start with classmates, some of whom may not have met since their graduation, whether that was 5 or 50 years ago. Quickly, the gaps in personal and professional news are filled. Spouses or friends are presented. Photos of family members, from new babies to grandchildren, are exchanged. Once those present have caught up with one another, talk switches to others. Typically, "I met Tom at the Midwestern Conference last year. He's doing fine in anesthesiology. He told me Sue and Don live in the next town. She's in radiology; he's in allergy/immunology. They have two girls." And so it goes—the information network widening as memories are jogged.

The milestone 1986 reunions found members of eight classes attending: 1936, '46, '51, '66, '71, '76, and '81. The 25-year class, '61, held its special Silver Jubilee party separately, as is customary. (See pages 12 and 13).

The day was perfect. The Alumni Center made an ideal setting, both indoors and out. Outdoors were bars and hors d'oeuvres buffets and a large tent with tables set up for dining. Inside, the Center gleamed and glistened with hospitality. The lounge held a special attraction that drew people indoors at intervals all evening. The magnet, displayed in one corner of the room, was a blow-up of the photo taken at the 1951 Class Banquet 35 years ago. (Opposite). In the course of the evening the display attracted not only members of the 1951 class but just about everyone else as well.

*The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, held in the Alumni Center, opened homecoming weekend.*



As the evening progressed, the circles widened, with conversational exchanges bridging classes and generations, and talk of individual family and professional activities extending to regional and national issues impacting the profession.

Alumni Association President Rita Girolamo '51 and College President John Connolly brought greetings, thanked the alumni and alumnae for their support, and reported on progress during the year and plans for continued growth and development.

In between cocktails, conversation, and dinner, groups of graduates who were visiting the Alumni Center for the first time toured the building, seeing what their gifts had made possible and giving the result high marks.



*Arthur Linden '36, Lillian Linden.*



*Kenneth Yuska '71, Deborah Keeffe '76, Rita Girolamo '51, Sanford Taffet '76, Mary Alice O'Dowd '76, and her husband Dr. Jose Fernandez.*



*Donald Peck '56, Margaret Peck, Jeffrey Singer '76, Meg Singer.*



*Joseph Fulco '76, Donnamarie Fulco, in front of the Alumni Center.*



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Norman Brust, Ted Smith, Tom Longworth, Alta Goalwin, Ed Gerber, all '51, enjoy looking at a photo of the '51 Annual Banquet.





# Honor Roll of Gifts to the Annual Fund Campaign

Following are the names of alumni and alumnae who contributed to the Annual Fund Campaign for the fiscal year July 1, 1985 - June 1986, proceeds of which have been used to underwrite the College's 125th Anniversary Celebration and the cost of a Computer Assisted Instruction facility (CAP) for the medical students. The names are shown under class years, according to categories of giving. The categories are:

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# '61 Retakes The High Ground

The talents of Bill Healy, Jeannette De Angelis, and Henry Saphier, who co-chaired the 25th reunion of their class, were very much in evidence on Saturday night, May 31, 1986. Every step had been taken to assure a perfect evening. The one remaining challenge—and it was a big one—was to gather the group together for the class picture shown opposite. As the allotted cocktail time of several hours drew to a close, the three stalwart co-chairs managed to lure their classmates away from their enjoyment of lusciously laden bar/buffets and copies of the 1961 *Fleur-O-Scope*, with its wealth of memories. Finally the picture was taken and the next phase of the evening's festivities, a sumptuous dinner, began.

At the dinner each member of the class was awarded a silver diploma in recognition of 25 years of service to the medical profession, and each was given a pewter mug embossed with the seal of the Alumni Association as a memento of the evening.

President Connolly, Acting Dean Karl P. Adler, and Alumni President Rita Girolamo reported on the state of the College and Alumni Association.

It was a great party, and no one said it better than David Smith who, on his return home to California, wrote to *Chironian*. With his permission, we share with you excerpts from his letter.

"Unlike the veterans returning from the beaches of Normandy and Iwo Jima with forlorn thoughts, members of the Class of 1961 retook the high ground of "Tar Beach" atop "Flower"

in a spirit of nostalgia, friendship, and joy. Most who attended had not seen each other in the 25-year interim. For one all-too-brief evening, the time machine took them back to the late fifties in the experience they shared. People looked good. Conversation was upbeat. The food and drink were superb, and the comradeship of the medical school days, slightly magical."

From all appearances, Dr. Smith's words most faithfully convey the feelings of his classmates who did "retake the high ground" for that nostalgic night in May.



Tony Smith '61, Jeanne Smith, Elizabeth Muffet Craven '61.

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*Class members assembled under the rooftop tent for a group picture.*

*James Walker '61, Erika Pinto, Peter Pinto '61.*



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*Leslie Snyder, Frederic Snyder '61, Robert Van Son '61, Helen Van Son.*

*Alice De Pirro and Jane O'Shaughnessy looking at the Class of '61 yearbook.*



*Vincent De Angelis '58, Jeannette De Angelis, Nick Conforti, William Healy, Peter Haritatos, William Halligan, all '61, Nancy Healy.*





# Newsmakers

A highlight of the Alumni/ae weekend each year is the conferment of honors on alumni/ae and members of the College family in recognition of their contributions to medical education and health services. During the banquet on June 1, 1986, honors were conferred on three graduates and a member of the Board of Trustees.

**Rita F. Girolamo '51**, president of the Alumni Association for the years June 1985 to June 1987, received the highest award of the Alumni Association, the Medal of Honor. In presenting the medal, immediate past president Joseph Dursi '59 cited her achievements in medical science and education. A profile of Dr. Girolamo detailing her many contributions appeared in the last issue of *Chironian*. The citation accompanying the Medal of Honor is excerpted here.



"Rita's track record as an educator of our students, including her current work as Associate Dean of Students, Professor and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Radiology, and Director of Nuclear Medicine, is only part of her success story," the citation reads. "Her personal contributions to our Alma Mater as an outstanding alumna... place her in a class of her own. She is a superb role model for the growing number of medical students who are women... In her quiet, efficient, and diplomatic manner Rita is a fiercely motivated person who as a professional, wife, and parent has accomplished so much good for so many people.

"Rita graduated Barnard College in 1947, received her M.D. in 1951 and a

Master of Medical Science in Radiology in 1955. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Radiology and the American Board of Nuclear Medicine. Author and co-author of numerous publications, she is a member of prestigious medical societies, including AOA.

"It is therefore fitting that this person of great achievement and humanity be so singularly honored for reflecting great credit upon the profession, her Alma Mater and herself," the citation concludes.

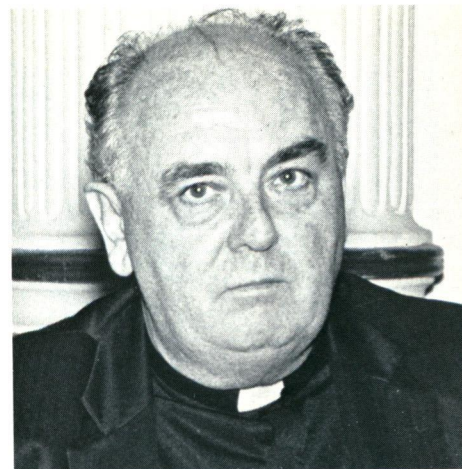
**Monsignor James P. Cassidy**, a vice-chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, was awarded the Association's Medical Education and Health Services Citation as a humanitarian, educator and administrator committed to the improvement of health care in New York City. "His expertise is a significant asset to the development of the excellence of New York Medical College," the citation notes.

Msgr. Cassidy is director of the Department of Health and Hospitals of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. Elected a trustee of New York Medical College in 1976, he is a member of the Executive Committee and chairs the Long Range Planning Committee. He spoke with *Chironian* about his work and goals.

"Among my objectives are to help the people of the New York area to get good health care, which includes improving education about health care, and to help the medical college grow and become stronger."

Within the Archdiocese Msgr. Cassidy has responsibility for 17 acute care hospitals with 4,500 acute care beds. Among these hospitals is St. Clare's in Manhattan, which has the largest specialized treatment center for AIDS in the world. Msgr. Cassidy spoke of the need for Americans to do a better job of education about the dangers of AIDS. "At St. Clare's recently we had a group visiting from England to observe the AIDS treatment program. In our discussions we learned how thorough a job of education the British are doing. For example, they distribute pamphlets on AIDS to every home, blanketing the population with information. We have the means to do a better job here. It remains for us to do it."

Msgr. Cassidy is liaison for Pope



John Paul with all Catholic doctors throughout the world. In 1984 he was appointed the advisor to the Pope John XXIII Medical and Moral Research and Education Commission on Health Care, and in the past two years has traveled around the world, visiting Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe, and South America. When we spoke he was planning for a trip to observe the health care systems of Santa Domingo and Haiti.

Msgr. Cassidy is impressed by the students the College is attracting. "They are showing a greater sensitivity to the needs of the patient, a characteristic very much to be encouraged."

Asked how this quality can best be developed, he promptly responded, "Through their role models. The importance of being in touch with the patient, of seeing the uniqueness of each individual is best taught by example. This is why the faculty are so important. They are important not just for their scientific knowledge—essential as that is—but also for the example they offer as principled human beings who care about the people entrusting their lives to them."

James P. Cassidy was born and raised in New York, and received his B.A. from St. Joseph's Seminary and College in Yonkers, NY, in 1950. He was ordained a priest of the New York Archdiocese in 1951 and earned his Ph.D. in educational psychology at Fordham University, where he also did his doctoral training in clinical psychology. A certified, licensed psychologist in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, he has been successively and in some instances concurrently a parish priest, high school guidance director, marriage counselor in the New York Archdiocese Family Life Bureau, director of the family consultation service of the Archdiocese and of the pastoral counseling program at St. John's University in New York, and for 10 years associate professor at St. John's.



**Stephen N. Rous '56** is professor of urology at Medical University of South Carolina and chairman of the Departments of Urology, Medical University and Charleston County Hospitals. He was honored with a Medical Education and Health Services Award for his contribution to the field of urology. "He has advanced scientific knowledge, maintained the highest personal and professional standards, and added to the distinction of the medical profession," the citation read in part.

Talking with *Chironian*, Dr. Rous said: "My biggest single interest is in the education of medical students and residents. Probably what has brought me most satisfaction to date was the development and enunciation of edu-



cational objectives in urology for medical students. That particular core body of knowledge, in the form that I developed, was adopted by the Educational Council of the American Urological Association.

"I am also pleased that during 11 of the 12 years I've been at Medical University our residents have won the 1st or 2nd prizes for research, or both, sponsored by the Southeastern Section of the American Urological Association, the largest Section in the United States."

A prolific writer, Dr. Rous has edited two texts, written three, and written or co-authored more than 70 papers. *Stone Disease*, a major work is scheduled for May, 1987 publication by Grune & Stratton. *Urology Annual* was published in January 1987 by Appleton-Lange. Dr. Rous is editor of both. *Urology, a Core Textbook*, written by Dr. Rous, was published by Appleton-Century-Crofts in 1985.

Stephen Norman Rous was born in New York City. He graduated from Amherst College in 1952, and after receiving his M.D. degree took an M.S. degree in urology at the University of Minnesota. Internships and residencies were followed by a three-year fellowship at Mayo Graduate School of

Medicine. He is a past-president and member of the Board of Directors of the 9,000-member Mayo Alumni Association.

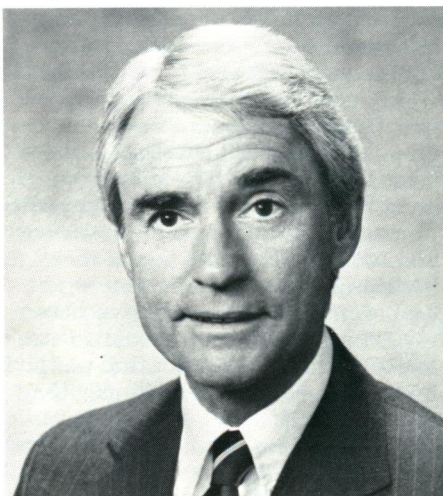
At NYMC he was associate professor of urology and chief of urology at Metropolitan Hospital (1968-1972), assistant dean (1968-1970), and associate dean (1970-1972). In 1970 he won the coveted yearbook dedication in The Fleur-O-Scope of the graduating class.

Dr. Rous is a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and has been honored with the "A" designator by the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

**Ronald J. Pion '56** was honored "for his outstanding contributions in the field of health education." The citation noted that "his development of the Hospital Satellite Network has brought him widespread recognition as an innovator and leader in health care education." He is vice-chairman and director of health affairs of HSN.

The network, now entering its fourth year, is designed to serve a hospital's medical and nursing staff, patients, and community, offering continuing medical education, patient education, outreach, and video conferencing time.

Dr. Pion told *Chironian* of some of the Network's new services: "The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals is using HSN to help American hospitals become aware of significant changes in the Commission's standards and procedures such as incorporating clinical outcome measurements into accreditation surveys. In a quarterly video series called 'Perspectives,' Commission President Dennis O'Leary, M.D., and his guests will convey the message to hospitals across the country. In another series, HSN will



link 17 of this country's designated cancer centers with the National Cancer Institute to form the *Cancer Center Network*, a specialty service that will help provide information and training in oncology. The Network will

also assist in the design and production of what is envisioned as a pre-eminent video series on gerontology and geriatric medicine."

Dr. Pion, born in New York City, graduated from New York University where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. At NYMC he won election to AOA, *Cor et Manus*, and the Contin Society. In 1979 the state of Hawaii honored him with the Award for Service to Mankind, in recognition of his educational work in family planning, and population studies through the broadcast and print media, and as a professor at the University of Hawaii schools of medicine and public health.



**Philip A. Marraccini '50**, a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Governors, has been elected to the New York Medical College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Marraccini, whose specialty is general and traumatic surgery, is active in a number of philanthropic, civic, and professional organizations. He is president of the Mack Goldner Foundation for Continuing Medical Education, a sponsor of the Babe Ruth League, and a member of the Board of Directors of Innisfree, an institute for the rehabilitation of the brain damaged at Charlottesville, VA, affiliated with the University of Virginia.

Dr. Marraccini took his B.S. at Wagner Lutheran College and his post-graduate training at New York Polyclinic Postgraduate Medical School and Hospital and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. He spent five years on active duty in the U.S. Navy, serving as a naval aviator in the Asiatic and Pacific Theatres and as the Judge Advocate in the Marianas Islands.

Dr. Marraccini is on the staff of St. Agnes Hospital, and chairs the Westchester Chapter of the Medical College Alumni Association. He and his wife, the former Nina Cecala, live in Harrison, NY. They have five children.



## "A Crazy Wonderful Place"

**Lawrence B. Slobody** '36, president of New York Medical College from 1972 until his retirement in 1978, marked the 50th anniversary of his graduation last spring, and it is difficult to imagine anyone more deeply committed to the College or involved in its life for a longer period of time—more than half a century.

We talked with Dr. Slobody about that half-century. "The funny part is," he says with a smile, "I was supposed to go to medical school in Chicago. My father's sister, Dr. Rachelle S. Yarros, an obstetrician/gynecologist who became a national leader in women's health care, was professor of social hygiene at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She and her husband, Victor Yarros, who was Clarence Darrow's law partner, lived at Hull House, Chicago's famous social work settlement. I had taken my undergraduate degree at NYU, and the family felt that living with the Yarros in Chicago and going to medical school there would be a valuable experience. But shortly before I was to leave, my father had a stroke. My mother, an R.N., took care of him, and I stayed in New York and worked my way through school.

"There was another change of plans, too. Originally I was to enter medical school in 1930, but a staph septicemia kept me in the hospital for a year and left me with osteomyelitis. I did finally get to medical school in 1932 and, I am pleased to say, graduated second in my class. 'Flower'—as we called the College to distinguish it from the NYU School of Medicine and New York Hospital—was a crazy, wonderful place that despite ups and downs turned out as many fine physicians as the more prestigious schools. Through the years we've had a fine faculty, and it's wonderful to see how well our graduates are doing all across the country.

"But I'm getting ahead of myself," Dr. Slobody said. "After graduation I went to the old Met on Welfare Island, and there I met a nursing student named Evelyn Towne. We've been married for 46 years now and have three children and one grandchild.

"I decided on pediatrics as my field and was named a fellow at the College's Frederick S. Wheeler Laboratory for Nutritional Research, where I became chief. I studied and published on Vitamin C and was particularly interested in developing an intradermal test for the rapid detection of Vitamin C deficiency. My intention was to make research my career, but my mentor, Dr. Ruel Benson, was a clinician. He thought of me as a foster son, and I worked with him in clinical pediatrics.



"Great changes were taking place at the College during that time," Dr. Slobody went on. "Jack Hetrick was the dominant figure, and when Dr. Benson wanted to leave the pediatrics chair, Dr. Hetrick invited me to take the post. I wasn't too enthusiastic but, having taken it, I'm proud to say I built up quite a department: Ed Wasserman, Don Gromisch, the late Miriam Lending, Bob Kahn, Leonard Luhby, Peg Giannini, and Arnold Slovis stand out; and from the time I resigned the chair to become Vice-President of the College in 1966, Ed Wasserman has done a superb job as chairman in recruiting exceptional people, expanding the sub-specialties, and creating a top pediatric center.

"I had never planned on a career in administration but, as with other aspects of my work, once I became involved my interest grew. I remember when I was elected the first president of the Medical Board at Met, and can recall the day the 'new' Metropolitan Hospital was dedicated. The Mayor and other city officials were there, and we celebrated the tremendous contrast between the new and the old hospital.

"I remember other exciting times as well. Charles Halsey, a Princeton graduate, headed the College's Board from 1928 until 1956. He had been a great football player and brought with him a group of Princeton classmates and friends. Not many people remember this, but there was a time when we were 'a nickel away' from becoming Princeton Medical School. Princeton undertook a study of that possibility that lasted two years. Finally they concluded that taking on a medical school would be too much of a drain on the university. It was a tantalizing moment in the College's history—and then we continued on our own.

"Coming closer to the present, I remember very well when the late, great Walter Mersheimer first started talking about the possibility of moving the College to Westchester. I'll confess

it took me a year to acknowledge to myself that Westchester was the way to go, but eventually the die was cast and the rest, as the saying goes, is history.

"Looking back at my time as president I'm pleased that despite the difficult financial problems we faced we were able to make substantial progress in the major areas of a medical school's responsibility. Research grants increased by many multiples; we added to the full-time faculty; and we expanded our clinical facilities greatly, signing close to 20 affiliation contracts with hospitals in New York City, Westchester, and Connecticut. We also opened the Office of Minority Affairs and an office and storefront devoted to Community Affairs. Both units were among the first established by a medical school."

"Retirement has been a very busy time for me," Dr. Slobody comments. "Evelyn and I divide our time between Massachusetts and Florida, and we have edited a book devoted to the Currier and Ives lithographs of American trotting horses. It is titled *Currier and Ives Trotting: A Pageant of Horse Prints*, and was done in collaboration with Philip A. Pines and published by Benson Press in 1984."

The project now on the Slobody's front burner is a work on gerontology. "I've always been interested in geriatrics," he says, "including the work our faculty was doing in this area—for example, at Bird S. Coler Hospital."

Dr. Slobody's contributions to pediatrics, in addition to his research, clinical work, and teaching, include six editions of *Survey of Clinical Pediatrics*, first published in 1952. He wrote the first three editions, and co-authored the next three with Edward Wasserman '46, who has continued the work with Donald Gromisch '60. In dedicating the seventh edition to Lawrence Slobody, co-editors Wasserman and Gromisch cite some of the major honors Dr. Slobody has earned. The dedication reads in part:

"For establishing and developing one of the first, if not the first, multidisciplinary clinics for the mentally retarded... and for promulgating the concept that such children are educable and even productive, he was awarded the first Gold Medal of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children in 1953. Dr. Slobody has worked and published in a variety of areas, including infants born to drug addicted mothers, immunologic renal disease, and the blood brain barrier..."

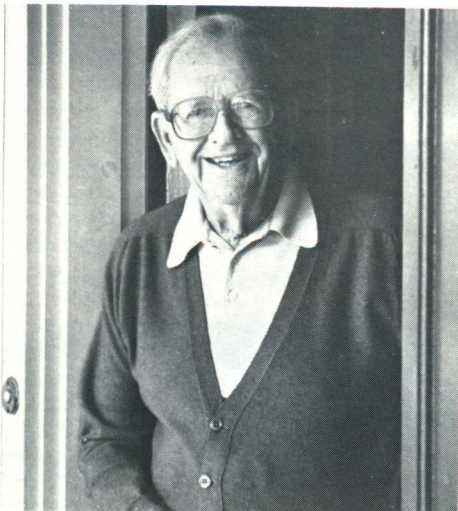
The youngest person to be elected to the American Pediatric Society, Lawrence Slobody is still one of the youngest-thinking persons around, with the same keen interests and creative mind that have distinguished him throughout his life.



## "Manhattan Country Doctor"

The year was 1934. Milton Slocum '32 and his wife, Belle, were returning from a trip to his native Virginia where they had gone to choose a place to set up a medical practice. But the rural area they visited was not what they expected, and they decided it would be best to stay in New York.

As they drove away, Milton Slocum was regretful. "I really did want to be a country doctor," he told Belle. With a few well-chosen words, Belle resolved the problem. "People are the same everywhere," she said. "So is medicine. You can be a country doctor in Manhattan."



In November 1986 Milton Slocum's story of his 34-year practice in the Hell's Kitchen section of New York City was published by Scribners. Its title: *Manhattan Country Doctor*. Talking with Dr. Slocum and his daughter, Susan Slocum Hinerfeld, to whom the book is dedicated, one knows that here is a man of wisdom, warmth, and wit, whose life and career have been remarkably full and productive.

"My interests have always been diverse," he says. "I was class president for three years in medical school and enjoyed that involvement. Before starting medical school I'd been a reporter for the *Brooklyn Eagle*, the *Jersey Journal*, and the Paris edition of the *New York Herald Tribune*, partly during my undergraduate years at NYU. I even went to North Africa as a free-lance reporter of the Riffian War. That was in 1925. After I received my M.D. degree my wife and I decided to travel briefly before I began interning. We went to Vienna, a seat of great medical education at the time. I took classes and clinics, which were superb, but the Nazis were showing clear signs of what was ahead. It was ugly and getting uglier, and after four months we left. I did my internship at Flower and then started practice. The Hell's

Kitchen section was familiar to me because my internship had included heavy ambulance duty there. I knew all the patrolmen on the beat, and they helped Belle and me find an office—but I had no idea what a colorful patient population I was to care for over more than three decades.

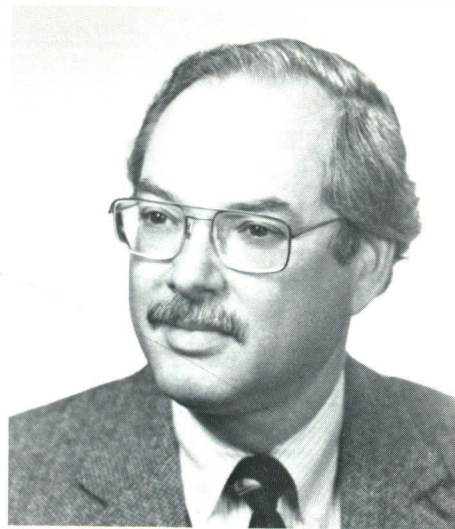
"My practice included Old World and New World families, theater people, boxers, mobsters, every type of eccentric you might name. Through all those years I was fortunate to have the services of the same head nurse, Peggy Voyna, who used to tell me that I spent too much time with each patient. But it has always been my belief that *nothing* is more important than *listening* to a patient. Today we have magnificent machines and sophisticated techniques in medicine—and we need them—but we must always be keenly sensitive to what the patient tells us. I learned that from some outstanding teachers, among them Drs. Walter Gray Crump and Philip J.R. Schmahl, and I hope I passed it on during the 25 years I taught at our medical school.

"When World War II came I was commissioned a Naval officer and sent to the European theater to serve on LST's and take part in invasions. There were 17 physicians in our group. We weren't part of a ship's company and nobody liked us because seeing us meant 'invasion to come.'

"When the invasions were over we led a pretty lazy, monotonous life in the Mediterranean until the first Naval hospital was completed. Then our captain called together the 15 of us who were left—we had lost two—and asked who wanted to do surgery, who wanted medicine. I chose medicine but helped in psychiatry and dermatology as well because the need was urgent.

"Following the war my practice in Manhattan continued to grow. Between office visits, regular house calls, and my teaching at the medical school, I was always busy. I was also very fortunate in having a wonderfully bright, active wife and a delightful daughter who, after graduating from Wellesley, married one of the best people I know and gave us two splendid grandsons, Daniel and Matthew.

"When my wife became ill in 1968, I closed the office in New York and we moved to Santa Monica where Susan and her family live. After my wife died I stayed on, and California has become my home. But my days as a 'Manhattan Country Doctor' are unforgettable. I can't help thinking of a woman I met one day when making a house call on 56th Street. 'You know, Dr. Slocum,' she said, 'we're glad you opened your office here. We never had any sickness on the block until you came.' And she patted my arm and smiled at me with approval."



**Andrew Peters '60**, has been elected president of the National Federation of Catholic Physicians Guilds. The Federation is composed of more than 100 local guilds throughout the United States with a total membership of 3,500 physicians.

National headquarters of the professional organization is in Milwaukee. Among the Federation's activities is publication of a journal of medical ethics entitled *Linacre Quarterly*. Local guilds aim to promote congeniality among Catholic physicians and to attempt to solve medical ethical problems. As president, Dr. Peters is responsible for the Federation's annual convention on medical moral problems.

The Federation and New York Medical College are co-sponsoring a seminar on medical-moral issues to be held in New York, October 1-3, 1987.

Cardinal John J. O'Connor is expected to be the keynote speaker.

Dr. Peters, an internist, is in private practice in Rockville Centre, NY, and recently completed a term as president of the Friends of Mercy Hospital, where he is on staff.

## Contributors to Medical Literature

Alumni/ae contribute to the profession of medicine in many ways, one of which is through their publications. Some of the recent significant works are noted below and on the following page.

**Guy Settipane '57** has edited three texts, two of which have been published recently, with a third scheduled for publication later this year. *Current Treatment of Ambulatory Asthma*, was published in July 1986 by New England and Regional Allergy Proceedings. The textbook, with contributions from 38 authorities, is divided into five sections and a summary.

Among the topics included are characteristics of asthma; late phase asthma; mucus secretion of the air-





ways; treatment by various drugs; pregnancy and asthma; prognosis, complications, and treatment of childhood asthma; occupational asthma; and pollutants/allergens.

Dr. Settupane's first book was *Rhinitis*, published by NER Allergy Proceedings in 1984, and containing contributions by 34 specialists. Edited and with three chapters by Dr. Settupane, the book was described in the journal *Immunology & Allergy Practice* as "a valuable, unique and informative textbook...an excellent orientation to this subject."

A third book, *H<sub>1</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> Histamine Receptors*, is in press.

Dr. Settupane is associate professor of medicine at Brown University Medical School and chief of the Division of Allergy of the Department of Medicine at Rhode Island Hospital.

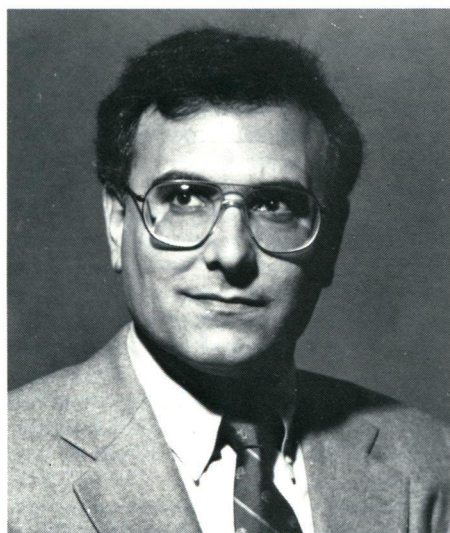
**Mark L. Rosenblum** '69, associate professor of neurosurgery at the University of California, San Francisco, Medical School is editor of four books. The most recent is *AIDS and the Nervous System*, co-edited by R.M. Levy and D.E. Bredesen, also of USCF, and published by Raven press in December 1986. This is the first comprehensive text to focus on the neurologic manifestations of AIDS. Leading specialists in neurology, immunology, infectious diseases, and related fields conduct a detailed clinical review of concomitant neurologic diseases.

Among topics the book covers are therapy and prognosis of diseases affecting the nervous system in AIDS patients, and major considerations in patient management, including neurologic nursing of AIDS patients and precautions against AIDS transmission in the hospital. Implications of current research on AIDS for the study of other neurologic diseases are also discussed.

Algorithms to facilitate clinical decision-making are presented.

A second book, published by Pergamon Press in 1986, is entitled *Brain Tumors: Biopathology and Therapy*, and covers the proceedings of the brain tumor workshop held in Verona, Italy in 1985. Co-editors with Dr. Rosenblum are M.A. Gerosa and G. Trident.

A two-volume work edited by Dr. Rosenblum with C.B. Wilson is published in the series *Progress in Experimental Tumor Research*. Numbered volumes 27 and 28 the books *Brain Tumor Biology* and *Brain Tumor Therapy*, were published by Karger in 1984.



Dr. Rosenblum is chairman and founder of the Joint Section on Tumors of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and 1986-1987 chairman of the Open Scientific Session of AANS.

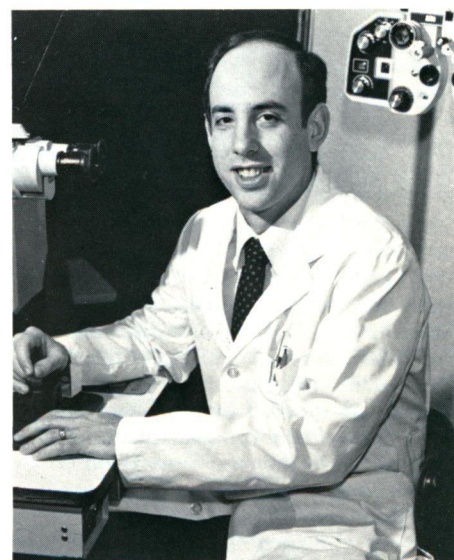
**Joseph Cleary** '73 is co-editor of a new textbook *Breast Cancer: Diagnosis and Treatment*, published by McGraw-Hill in October 1986. With more than 60 contributors, the book provides an

indepth review of breast cancer and is designed to serve as an important reference work and resource for use in clinical practice.

Major sections cover the patient at risk; classification; pathology and immunology; techniques of detection and diagnosis; treatment of potentially curable and advanced breast cancer; reconstruction; with clinical considerations in areas such as breast diseases in children; and various support measures available to the patient.

The book, co-edited with Irving Ariel, M.D., was three years in preparation, with the contributors, all major authorities on breast cancer, drawn from many countries around the world. Dr. Cleary, a member of the Alumni Association's Board of Governors is clinical instructor in surgery at the College.

**David Silverstone** '73, associate clinical professor of ophthalmology at Yale University School of Medicine, has co-authored *Automated Visual Field Testing*, published by Appleton-Century-Crofts in May 1986. This work,



written with Joy Hirsch, Ph.D., also of Yale, discusses computerized techniques of examining the visual field and analyzing the results of the examination. The visual field, which measures how much light a patient needs in order to see, is particularly important in the management of glaucoma patients and patients with neurological disorders.

The American Journal of Ophthalmology, in reviewing this volume, wrote: The authors "have succeeded in presenting the basic principles of the physics of light and vision in an interesting and practical way...and have developed a delightfully simple 'wander' approach to make sure nothing is missed."





# Two Very Special Events: Cerromar IV and Las Vegas

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*Taking a break from cerebral exercises.*

## Puerto Rico

At Las Vegas, Nevada and Cerromar, Puerto Rico alumni successfully combined study with "R & R."

The Western Regional meeting in Las Vegas was held over the weekend of November 15, 1986. Thomas Armour '51, who lives and practices in Las Vegas, welcomed the participants, who came from California, Arizona and Oklahoma, as well as the East Coast. Harry Buncke '51, known as "the father of microsurgery," talked on the use of microvascular transplants. Evenings found the group enjoying Bill Cosby's show and the gambling tables in the Casino. All agreed that whether or not their luck held in the Casino the weekend offered an enriching experience.

Cerromar IV, the fourth annual CME program held in Puerto Rico, registered more than 100 participants at the weeklong meeting. Once again, at superbly planned sessions, specialists reported on recent advances in medicine and surgery, attorneys gave a legal update, and Col. Saul Fromkes of the College's Board of Trustees presented little known and fascinating historical highlights of medical education generally and particularly New York Medical College. At the close of the meeting Special Events Chairman Joseph Dursi '59 was making plans for next year.



*William Cronin '59, Robert Cronin '59, Joseph Connolly '59, David Connor '59*



*Andrew Peters '60, Rev. Msgr. James Cassidy, Dr. Karl Adler, Joan Adler.*



*Joan Tager, Charles Tager, David Connor '59, Mary Elizabeth Connor, Cynthia Connolly, Joseph Connolly '59.*



*Niel Borelli '68, Joanne Borelli*

## Las Vegas

Thomas Armour '51, Rita Girolamo '51, Hans Einstein '46.



Virginia Schaeffer, Richard Schaeffer '60.



Dolores Svigal, Chester Svigal '44, Sylvia Hartman, Ronald Hartman '60, Robert Miller '59.



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# Celebrating A Good Way of Life

To gauge who had the best time at the 1986 Banquet would have required the highest of high-tech applause meters. Was it the members of the class of 1936, a wonderful group including superb dancers? The class of 1961, celebrating 25 years in the medical profession? The men and women of the class of 1986, filled with anticipation of the day ahead, when they would receive their M.D. degrees? Or all the people in between, obviously sharing with great pleasure the special anniversaries of their colleagues and the excitement of the graduating class?

The answer is that it was a draw. Everyone had a wonderful time. The annual gala at The Plaza in New York was superbly planned and executed, as always, by Seymour Schlusell '51, his wife, Barbara, her mother, Norma Barach, and Alumni Relations Director James Keller. The traditional cocktail reception, hosted by College President and Mrs. John Connolly, provided the opportunity for the guests to renew acquaintances in the Terrace Room.

Amid greetings from College and Alumni officers including John K. Castle, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Connolly, and Alumni President Rita Girolamo '51 friends and families partied, danced, enjoyed a gourmet dinner and toasted their medical school, whose banner hung proudly over The Plaza's grand ballroom.

Honors, traditionally awarded at the Banquet, were conferred on Dr. Girolamo; Rev. Msgr. James P. Cassidy, Ph.D.; Ronald J. Pion and Stephen N. Rous, both '56. (See Newsmakers.)

Throughout the evening the members of the anniversary classes gave clear proof to the class of '86 that in opting for a medical career they had chosen a good way of life.

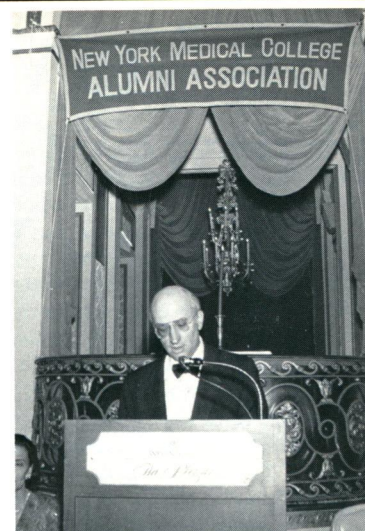
The new graduates, putting aside for the night any trepidation about upcoming challenges, thoroughly enjoyed the event leading to their Commencement on the following day when they would make the transition from "students" to alumni and alumnae.



*Having a ball... Having it all!*

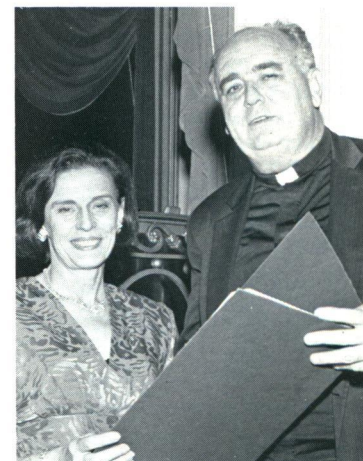


*Ivan Robinson '86, Al and Cecile Robinson, parents of Ivan; Monty Polonsky '86, Leona Borchert '87, Scott Cinsavich '86.*



*John K. Castle, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.*

*Rita Girolamo '51 presents citation to Msgr. James P. Cassidy.*



*Paul Tartell '52, President-Elect of the Alumni Association, Phyllis Tartell, Saverio Bentivegna '50, Ronald Pion '56, Gail Pion, Stephen Rous '56. Ron Pion and Steve Rous received citations for their contributions to medicine.*







*They danced the night away in the Grand Ballroom of The Plaza.*



*Joseph Dursi '59, Martha Dursi, Richard Rose '64, Brook Rose.*

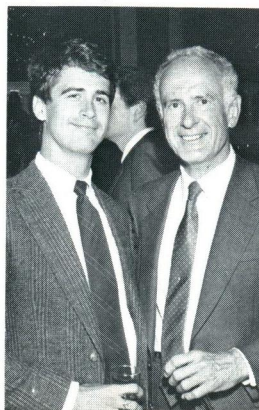
*Claudia Gold '86, her husband David Repper, her mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Philip Smith.*



*George Nagamatsu '34, Kaz Nagamatsu.*



*Clark Coler '86 with his father Dr. Roderick Coler, who is a grand-nephew of Bird S. Coler.*



*David Burke '86, Katia Schultze, guest of David Burke; David Altarecki, Elaine Josephson, Robert Kornberg, Tamar Preminger, all '86.*



*Rita Girolamo '51 holds the Alumni Medal, awarded to her at the Banquet, as she is joined by her family. From left: sons Mark and Peter Leone, Rita, Armand Leone, Sr. '47, Susanne and Armand Leone, Jr. '82, and Dorothea Girolamo, Rita's sister.*



*Sallie Mady '87, Brian Mady '86, Beatrice and Raymond Mady, Brian's parents.*

*Members of the class of '36 brought a special vitality and sense of fun to the Banquet. From left: Joseph Budetti, Sylvia Budetti, Milton Ehrlich, Carole Erhlich, Maury D. Sanger, Ethel Sanger, Paul S. Ingrassia, Marie Ingrassia, Charles Vialotti, Rose Vialotti, Thomas Siciliano, Mary Siciliano, Jacob De Vita, Louise De Vita.*





# Chapter News

The posh Water Club on Manhattan's East River and the vast, festively decorated barn of the Girolamo-Leone farm in northern New Jersey were the sites of highly successful gatherings of the New York City and New Jersey chapters in the winter of 1986.

The get-together at the Water Club was the first meeting of the newly formed New York City Chapter, which hosted a gourmet Sunday brunch and brought out a lively and congenial crowd, despite stormy weather.

The New Jersey Chapter party was a wonderful Saturday night barn dance, complete with a country music band and caller, sumptuous buffet dinner starring a suckling pig, and lots of merriment.

On both occasions alumni/ae were lavish in their enthusiasm and agreed that they would warmly welcome return engagements.



*James McGroarty '68, Jane McGroarty and Kenneth Jeuchter '68.*

*Albert Lefkowitz, Michael Antonelle, Milton Best, Stephen Rogers, all class of '62.*



*Stanley Caines '81, James McHale '80, Warren Neidich '78 and guest, Liz Karl.*



*Ronald Frank '85, and his guest Robin Lechter.*



*Ingrid Connolly, Jodi Lynn, Jeffrey Shakin '75, Lucille Burns '50.*

*Jennifer Goldstein, guest, and Aaron Katz '86.*  
*Richard Orphanos '59, Aina Orphanos.*

## New York



*Seymour Schluskel '51, Shari Fogler, Richard Fogler '68, Barbara Schluskel.*

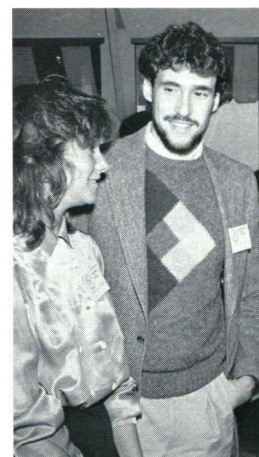


*Rita Girolamo '51, and Elaine Schulman '65.*

*Jules Koch '32, Hilda Koch, Georgia Cataldi '81.*



*Marie Casalino '67, College President John Connolly, Robbi Kempner '79.*





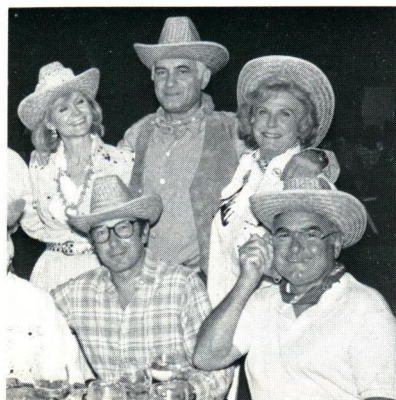


Square dancing under the handsome banner of the Alumni Association.



Astride the haystack, left to right: Henry Saphier '61, Marieanne Saphier, Sandy Pozner, NYMC President John Connolly, Murray Pozner '57.

Standing: Erika Pinto, Peter Pinto '61, Lillian Jacuzzi. Seated: Robert Green '61, Chip Jacuzzi.



Armand Leone '47, at right, takes time out from dancing to cheer on one of the groups.

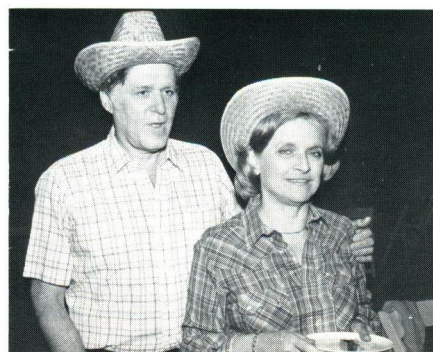


## New Jersey

AT RI-ARM FARM:  
SWING YOUR  
PARTNER. CLIMB  
THE HAYSTACK.  
HAVE A BARREL  
OF FUN.



Hosts Armand Leone '47 and Rita Girolamo '51.



David Blackman '58, Marguerite Blackman.

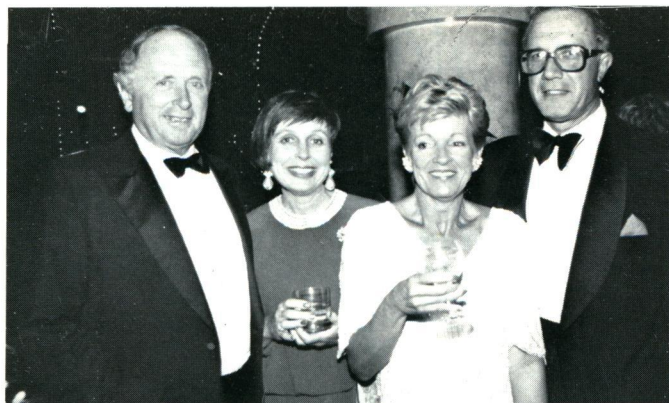
Michael Antonelle '62, Anne-Marie Filkin '80, Samuel H. Rubin, M.D., former Dean and Provost of NYMC.



Saverio Bentivegna '50, Cathy Bentivegna.







Frank O'Malley '55, Pat O'Malley, Marianne Macy and Joseph Macy '56.



Standing: Walter Henry '54, Richard Redvanly '56, Frank Sconzo '51. Seated: Nancy Henry, Penny Redvanly, Joan Sconzo.

## Long Island

"The Long Island contingent always has fun." So saying, the group gathered last spring at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City, New York. They toasted one another and their medical school, dined, danced, and caught up with professional and personal news of one another and colleagues in the environs. They agreed that the Chapter is an attractive addition to Long Island life and in parting looked forward to the next meeting.



The Connollys celebrated their anniversary.



Frank Esemplare '58, Philip Riggio '63, Marge Riggio, and Lenore Esemplare.

## Northern California

Across the country in San Mateo, California, Constance and Harry Buncke '51 hosted Northern California alumni/ae at a cocktail buffet described as offering true California hospitality. Speeches were few; food, Connie Buncke's own combination of California and French, was plentiful and delicious.

College and Alumni presidents John Connolly and Rita Girolamo, who attended all chapter meetings throughout the year, reported that these events gained high marks "from sea to shining sea."

Vincent De Angelis '58, Jeannette De Angelis '61.

John and Mary Lou O'Brien.

John De Angelis '57, Jan De Angelis.



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Nancy McGann, Ben McGann '51.

Elaine Grammer Pacicco '85, Thomas J. Pacicco '85.



Harry Buncke '51, Constance Buncke '51, President John Connolly.



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# Class Notes

The symbol **REUNION** signifies a five-year "milestone" class for which a reunion will be held on Saturday, May 30. At press time invitations were in the mail.

Class correspondents' names and addresses are now shown immediately following their respective class years. If no correspondent is listed for your class and you would like to volunteer, please write to the Alumni Office at the College, or phone (914) 993-4555.

## 1930

**Benjamin Rosenthal** and **Elizabeth Wilen** '31 have retired and are living in Tampa, FL. Both are well and happy. Their sons **Norman Rosenthal** '67 and **Roy Rosenthal** '68 are doing well. Norman practices radiology in Miami Beach and Roy practices orthopedics in Silver Spring, MD.

## 1930

**Saul Schwartz** celebrated his 80th birthday on January 29, 1987. A noted gastroenterologist and pioneer in internal medicine, Dr. Schwartz, who continues in full-time practice, is an active and effective member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors. His contributions to medical science and education have earned him many honors, including the coveted medals of both NYMC and the Alumni Association.

## 1932

**50TH REUNION**

**M. David Rudick** has retired and is living on the shores of Lake Chapala, near Guadalajara, Mexico. He has written a book titled "How to be Physically and Mentally Fit Past Fifty," and has given talks on that subject to North Americans living in Mexico and residents of Kerrville, TX.

## 1934

**Frederick Milano** writes that he is 79 years old and "still going strong, five years post-op for lung Ca." He adds that he now takes care only of homebound patients unable to visit a doctor's office.

## 1936

**Thomas Ippolito**, who is in solo practice, would like to hear from classmates.

**Ronald Roecker** writes from Summit, NJ: "I feel lucky to be alive and in relatively good health and still in the practice of psychiatry. I would like to hear from classmates."

**Nino Siragusa** sends his thanks for the reception tendered the 50-year class at the Alumni Center following the commence-



Classmates of '36 gather with their Marshal after receiving gold diplomas at Commencement. Joseph Budetti, Thomas Ippolito, Paul Ingrassia, Thomas Siciliano, John J. O'Brien, Louis Perillo, Jacob DeVita, Geraldine Burton Branch, Saul Schwartz '30 Marshal of the group, Maury Sanger, Nino Sergusa, Milton Ehrlich, William Brown, and Arthur Linden.

ment ceremonies, at which gold diplomas were presented. "It was a day I will never forget," he writes.

## 1938

**Lawrence Sconzo** retired in 1977. He writes, "My son John is a graduate of Columbia P & S, and is a resident in anesthesiology at West Virginia Medical Center."

## 1939

**Bernard Rothbard**  
24132 Calendula  
Mission Viejo, CA

**Frederick Clarke** retired in 1979 and now enjoys golfing and fishing in Florida.

**Francis Gagliardi** is presently an active attending and consultant at Baptist Medical Center of New York.

**Rosario Gualtieri** wrote that he would probably retire from active practice on January 1, 1987 after nearly 50 years of professional life.

**Harold Jellinek** has retired and moved to Chevy Chase, MD.

## 1941

**William Hewes** is medical director for community residential services at Ypsilanti (MI) Regional Psychiatric Hospital. He would enjoy hearing from classmates.

**Henry Leis** has moved to South Carolina, where he has a very full agenda. He is clinical professor of surgery in breast surgical oncology at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, in Columbia, and co-director of the Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Center at

the medical school and Richland Memorial Hospital. He and his wife, Winogene, live in Myrtle Beach, SC.

**Matthew Mickiewicz** writes from Rolling Hills, CA that his retirement in 1986 allows him time for family pursuits and extensive travel.

## 1942

**45TH REUNION**

**William Magee** is retired and lives with his wife in Naples, FL. Three of their ten children have gone into medicine, he reports.

## 1944

**Marcelle Bernard** and **Edmund Marinucci** have retired from active practice.

**Gerard Izzo** has retired and is living in Georgia, where he plans to do charitable work.

## 1945

**Herbert Terry** is personnel physician at the V.A. Hospital in San Diego, CA.

## 1946

**Forris B. Chick**  
305 Roat Street  
Ithaca, New York 14850

**Edward Wasserman** and his family suffered a tragic loss last fall when his wife, Nancy Floyd Wasserman, was killed in an automobile accident. Nancy had been most affectionately known to many NYMC alumni/ae, faculty, and staff who first met her when she was on the staff of the Dean's Office from 1952 to 1968. Ed and Nancy's two daughters, JoAnn and Cathy, are students at The Johns Hopkins University and Fox Lane High School,



## 1970

**Norman L. Maron**  
528 Paxinos  
Easton, PA 10842

**Michael Berman** is an assistant clinical professor of ob/gyn at Yale School of Medicine. He and his wife, Nancy, have two daughters, Stephanie, 12, and Anne, 6. They will welcome contacts from classmates.

**Joel Brenner** is associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he has been named director of Division of Pediatric Cardiology.

**Monika Schwabe Eisenbud** reports that she and **Tom Graboys** "are among Boston's leading physician advocates for nuclear disarmament." She adds, "Tom, a cardiologist at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, has served as Chairman for Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility, and is a frequent public speaker and writer for PSR." Monika, a psychiatrist at Beth Israel Hospital, has addressed the psychological aspects of growing up with the threat of nuclear war and is also a highly successful fundraiser for the group. Both Monika and Tom joined last December in celebrations surrounding the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, of which PSR is the American affiliate.

**Martin Frank** practices cardiology in New London, CT. He and his wife, Cele, and their children, Seth, 6, Matthew, 3, and Trevor, 1, live in Waterford, CT.

**Joseph Vetrano** is director of psychiatry and mental health services at Riverside Medical Center in Red Bank, NJ, and chairman of the utilization review committee. He is also chairman of the general hospital psychiatry committee of the New Jersey Psychiatric Association and vice-president of the board of directors of Collier Services in Wicatank, NJ. He is married, with three children.

## 1971

**Sandra Raff**  
2 Willow Brook Road  
Cromwell, CT 06416

**Rubin Cooper** is co-director of Division of Pediatric Cardiology, SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn. He is also chief of pediatric cardiology at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center. He and his wife, Toby, have four children—Shirley, Keli, Daniel, and Michael—ages 12 to 1.

**Alan Green** was promoted to associate clinical professor of pediatrics at U.S.C. School of Medicine, and has also been elected a fellow in the American College of Allergists. He and his wife, Marsha, live in Glendale, CA, with their children: Yvette, now 15, Samantha, 13, and Adam, 9. Both Marsha and Alan are convinced that raising a teenager is infinitely more difficult than getting through medical school.

**Robert Kaplan** has been appointed medical director of the Adolescent Chemical Dependency Unit of Memorial Medical Center of Long Beach, CA. He continues in his private pediatrics practice.

**Richard Kresch** resigned as medical director of St. Mary's Hospital for Children

to start his own company, Sunrise Health Centers, Inc., which owns and operates nursing homes in New Jersey.

**Sandra Raff** was divorced in December '84 and writes that she is very busy as a single parent with three children, Becky, 9, Andrew, 6, and Kenneth, 3, and is practicing internal medicine, specializing in diabetes, in Middlesex County, Connecticut.

**Fred H. Weiss** has been elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## 1972

**Alan Mallace**  
2229 E. Nicolet Avenue  
Phoenix AZ 85020

**Charles Alexander** practices orthopedic surgery in Los Angeles and is assistant clinical professor at Loma Linda University.

**James Angiulo** now combines medicine and law, having received the degree *Juris Doctor*, with Highest Distinction, from the University of Arizona College of Law. A member of the Arizona Bar, he has established a medicolegal consultation practice in Tucson, in addition to his medical practice of anesthesiology. He was recently elected president of the medical staff of Kino Community Hospital in Tucson.

**Samuel Braitman** is chief of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Kaiser Foundation Hospital and the Southern California Permanente Medical Group, West Los Angeles.

**Lorey Pollack** and **Ann Barbaccia**, who are married, practice ob/gyn on Long Island.

**Richard Winters** writes that he has expanded his psychiatric practice to Paramus, NJ and that he has been appointed attending psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry at Hackensack Medical Center.

## 1973

**Stephen Demeter**  
40 Huntington Hills  
Rochester, NY 14622

**Alan Berkeley** reports that he and his wife, Margaret Graf, M.D. are the happy parents of a daughter, Sara Graf, born February 13, 1986. He was also promoted, in July '85, to associate professor of ob/gyn at Cornell Medical College and named director of the department's *in vitro* fertilization program.

## 1974

**Robert A. Schwartz**  
Dept. of Dermatology  
NJMS  
185 South Orange  
Newark, NJ 07103

**Lawrence Boxt** has moved to Southern California and joined Pomona Valley Medical Radiology Group, Inc., as cardiac radiologist in a new catheterization laboratory.

**Salvatore Chiamarida** is head of cardiology at Perth Amboy Hospital in New Jersey, where he is in practice with his brother.

**Michael Fox** is enjoying the practice of emergency medicine in the San Francisco Bay area. He has recently moved into a new

home in Mill Valley, opposite rock star Grace Slick.

**Charles Reina** was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons in February '86 and was inducted into the American College of Surgeons in October '86.

**Robert A. Schwartz** sends greetings from New Jersey Medical School, where he is head of dermatology and founding director of the dermatology residency training program. NYMC is well represented with, in addition to Dr. Schwartz, fellow AOA members **Abbot Krieger** '63, head of neurosurgery, **Stephen Stowe** '74, head of radiation oncology, **Thomas Chen** '60, professor of pathology, and **Oscar Auerbach** '29, former assistant dean and acting head of pathology at New Jersey Medical School.

## 1975

**Norman Sussman**  
20 East 68 Street  
New York, NY 10021

**Catherine Dunn** and her family have moved to Seattle, WA, where she has resumed the private practice of child psychiatry. Her husband, Ted Paprocki, is a neuroradiologist at Northwest Hospital. They have two daughters, Anne, 4, and Chris, who will be 2.

**Rosemary Lo Castro**, her husband, and their two young daughters moved to Pennsylvania. She is a diagnostic radiologist at Mercer Medical Center in Trenton, NJ.

**Albert Mariani** is chief of surgery at Kaiser Medical Center in Honolulu, HI, and has been appointed executive vice president of the Hawaii Permanente Medical Group.

**R. Nicoll (Nick) Pratt** wrote that Carol and he welcomed their first child, David Nicoll.

**Mark Siletschnik** was promoted to Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in December '85 and is now chief of ob/gyn at Bliss Army Hospital in Fort Huachuca, AZ.

**Martin Schwartz** writes that he was married in 1978 to Susan Boiko, M.D. He has been staff physician in the ambulatory care department of the Cincinnati V.A. Medical Center in Ohio since 1985. Previously, (1979-81) he worked for Kaiser-Permanente in San Francisco, and then was in private practice in internal medicine in Abilene, TX.

**John Stinson** left private practice for a fellowship in spine surgery last July, and is relocating to suburban Washington with his wife, Susan, a therapeutic radiology resident at NIH. Two infants keep them busy.

## 1976

**Stephen L. Leighton**  
P.O. Box 2192  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**Robert Klein** has been appointed clinical instructor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Allergy and Immunology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

**Jeffrey Kopelson** is in family practice in St. Louis, MO and will return to NYMC for a radiology residency at Westchester County Medical Center starting in July '87. He wrote that he was married in Septem-



ber '86 to Stephanie Kroon, a health educator.

**Bernard Powers** is head of the gastroenterology division at Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

## 1977

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**Philip Dorfman** practices invasive cardiology in Akron, Ohio. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

**Stuart Hochron** practices pulmonary/critical care medicine in Iselin, NJ. He and his wife, Jerri, have an 18-month-old son, Douglas. He writes that he is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10-year class reunion.

**Philip Katz** is married, with two children, a girl now 5, and a boy born last spring. He is currently in the sixth year of private practice in general diagnostic and interventional radiology in northwest Houston, TX.

**Nancy Segal** writes that she married Richard Liebman, D.M.D. and that their first child, Tracey Nicole, was born in August '85. She practices endocrinology in Rye Brook, NY. Her husband practices dentistry in White Plains, NY.

**Peter Shosheim** has been inducted into the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery. He reports that he and his wife have a daughter, 3, and a new son.

## 1978

**Dwight M. Pagano**  
20746 Highland Hall Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

**Robert Ahrens, Jr.** has joined a group practice in ob/gyn close to Minneapolis, having completed his residency at the University of Minnesota.

**Jesse Cohen** completed a fellowship in magnetic resonance imaging at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Dallas, and is now assistant professor of radiology and director of clinical imaging at the Center.

**Matthew Frankel** is entering the private practice of internal medicine/nephrology in Center City, PA.

**Ian Hoffman** is assistant professor of medicine in the pulmonary disease section at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Jerome Kopelman** is now chief of the maternal-fetal medicine service at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI.

**Leslie Li Donnici** is chief resident in surgery at Flushing Hospital and Medical Center in Queens, NY.

**Warren Neidich**, who specializes in ophthalmology, **Ellen Blye** and **Elliot Arons**, both internists, are founders of a non-profit organization called Doctors for Artists, which is designed to help artists obtain quality health care. Founded two years ago, the organization's roster of physicians now includes 55 doctors in Manhattan, covering all specialties. Drs. Blye and Arons are art collectors. Dr. Neidich's art medium is photography.

**William Zarowitz** was elected first chairman of the board of Northeast Permanent

Medical Group, NY, based in White Plains. He has been an internist with an HMO, formerly Westchester Community Health Plan, now Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, since 1981.

## 1979

**Joseph F. Mortola**  
66 Green Street  
Watertown, MA 02172

**Thomas Facelle** writes that he and his wife, Joan Facelle M.D., and their son, Tommy, now 3, have moved from North Dakota to Tucson, AZ. He is completing his final year of military obligation as a general surgeon in the U.S. Air Force. They hope to move back East next summer.

**Matthew Farber** is assistant professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Community Medicine at the West Virginia University Medical Center in Morgantown, W.VA. He writes that while serving as head of the retinal service he has been principal investigator for a laser study and for the West Virginia Diabetes Eye Care Project, a public health education and screening program. He also served recently as a visiting surgeon on Project Orbis, a jet plane outfitted with an operating room for eye surgery, on a flight to Egypt.

**Susan Freeman** and **Marvin Weingarten** report that "1985 was an especially joyful year for us. We welcomed a beautiful daughter, Lori Ann, into our lives."

**Bruce Prager** is working in a Dallas 4-man orthopedic group and planned to be married in November '86.

## 1980

**Anne-Marie Filkin**  
102 Hillcrest Ave.  
Leonida, NJ 07605

**Paul Eisenberg** has been appointed director of the cardiac care unit of Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

**David Greenfield** reports that he is in private practice in Venice, FL.

**Timothy Lehmann** is doing a residency in thoracic surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, MO. He will complete the two-year program in June '87 and plans to practice in Hartford, CT.

**Michael Sharon** is a third year medical staff fellow at NIH. He was chief resident in medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York in 1983-84.

**Linda Wase-McClintic** has been promoted to medical director of E.R. Squibb & Sons, U.S., the ethical pharmaceutical division of Squibb United States, in Princeton, NJ. Dr. Wase-McClintic, who is board certified in internal medicine, joined Squibb in June 1983.

**James McHale** writes that he will be happily leaving the Navy in the coming summer and hopes, finally, to settle back in New York.

**Thomas Thaxton** is a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He is chief of radiology services at Patterson Community Hospital at Ft. Monmouth, NJ.

## 1981

**Jeffrey Boscamp** and Yukiko Kimura were married on September 13, 1985. He is a fellow in infectious diseases at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is a graduate of Einstein, and a pediatrician.

**Allen S. Burris** does clinical investigation in male reproductive endocrinology at NIH.

**Clifford Ehrlich** completed a fellowship in cardiology at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia in June '86. He has started in multispecialty group practice in Lansdale, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. He and his wife, Sherrie, have a daughter, Rebecca.

**Laurel Feiner** finished her neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in June '86. She wrote that she planned to be married in July to David Kleinman, M.D., a pathologist whom she met at Mayo, and would join him in returning to his home in Australia. She noted her address as follows: Laurel Feiner, 8 Lorrimer Street, MacGregor, Queensland 4109, Australia.

**Michael Fiori** is assistant professor of psychiatry at Brown University Medical School and psychiatric unit chief at Butler Hospital. He is married to Jane Eisen, M.D. They have one daughter, Gina, and a second child was expected when he wrote.

**Sam Frankel** has finished his otolaryngology residency at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu and is now staff otolaryngologist at Keller Army Hospital, West Point. He adds that Trudi and he have a daughter, Brooke Emma, 3 years old.

**Kenneth Kushner** is in private practice of general and vascular surgery in Laguna Beach, CA, having completed a residency at Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center.

**Robin Levin** was married in 1985 to Allen Kantrowitz and gave birth to a son in July 1986. She is a fellow in pediatric surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her husband is a neurosurgeon.

**Pamela Stratton** and her husband, Dr. Lawrence Cheskin, proudly announce the birth of a son, Eric Stratton Cheskin.

## 1982

5TH REUNION

**Jay Tartell**  
781 Pelham Road 4D  
New Rochelle, NY 10805

**Eleanor Bellucci** married Russell Handler in December 1986. She is an ob/gyn with the Long Island Obstetrics and Gynecology Group in Great Neck, NY. Her husband is in yacht brokering, design and building.

**Joseph Cohen** will start a cardiology fellowship in July '87 at the New Jersey Medical School.

**Harriet Dickenson** is now a PGYII in the NYMC-Our Lady of Mercy residency in community medicine, and is working on an M.P.H. degree at NYMC, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine.

**Dorothy Gutwein** is the first woman ob/gyn to be engaged by Griffin Hospital in Derby, CT in that institution's 75-year history, and will be the only woman doctor associated with the hospital's new childbirth center. Quoted in the local newspaper Dr. Gutwein said, "I can't wait for it (the



childbirth center) to open. It's pretty much the way I was trained, trying to make women more comfortable." The hospital had been seeking a woman ob/gyn in response to requests from patients.

**Lawrence Kirschenbaum** announces the arrival of Jesse Scott, born April 12, 1986 to Lawrence and his wife, Susan.

**Jonathan Kunis** writes that he and his wife, Sheri, are thoroughly enjoying their baby girl, Ilana, who will be two in March '87. He looks forward to the completion of his Army obligation. Having completed a residency in internal medicine at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, he is now serving as a staff internist at Patterson Army Hospital, Ft. Monmouth, NJ and will be staff internist at Ft. Hamilton, in Brooklyn, NY in June '88.

**Gary Maltz** completed his residency in internal medicine at UMDNJ-Rutgers in June '85 and then worked for a year as an emergency room physician at an affiliated hospital in New Brunswick, NJ. He wrote, in July '86, that he was headed for Stanford University to embark on a fellowship in gastroenterology.

**Alfred McKee** is now in the second year of a research fellowship at Dartmouth Medical School. His research is concentrated on the use of monoclonal antibodies in tumor cell killing.

**Vincent Panella** is pursuing a fellowship in gastroenterology at Memorial-Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

**Robert Perelman** is doing a fellowship in interventional radiology at NYMC. He was board certified in radiology in June '86, after having completed his residency at Downstate.

**Michael Rubinstein** is completing his final year of residency at Lenox Hill Hospital and will begin a fellowship in hand and upper extremity at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston in July '87.

**Brian Solow** married Sharon Kiley in October 1985. He has been appointed chief of the Department of Family Medicine and Emergency Services at Edwards Air Force Base Hospital, CA.

**Geoffrey Zann** has joined his father in the practice of gyn/gyn surgery in the Boca Raton-Ft. Lauderdale area of Florida. His father is **Gregory Zann** '50.

## 1983

**Julian Blumenfeld** is doing a fellowship in allergy/clinical immunology at the University of Southern California Medical Center, Los Angeles, having completed his pediatric residency at Lincoln Hospital.

**Drew Brodsky** is starting a fellowship in pediatric anesthesiology at the University of California, San Francisco.

**John Cosgrove** and **Patricia Ann Barry**, both residents at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, welcomed a daughter, Susan Carlin, last September. They have a son, John, Jr., age 2.

**Andrew Faber** reports that he and Evelyn are the proud parents of Peter Alan, born June 10, 1986.

**Anthony Infantino** wrote that he is chief resident of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. He planned to be married to Diane Haydick and to go into rehabilitation and sports medicine in the metropolitan area.

**Thomas Magrino** has completed three years of general practice on board a ship, and will now start his general surgical residency at the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

**Sarah McGrath** and **William McGee** were married in May, 1986 and on July 1 entered fellowship programs in geriatric medicine and critical care, respectively, at St. Louis University Medical Center.

## 1984

**David Charnock** has returned from Rota, Spain where he was G.P. for the U.S. Navy for six months. He has accepted an ENT residency at Oakland Naval Hospital in California.

**Hugh Harwood** writes that he and his wife, Pamela, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Robert Walker.

**William Varr** is completing his second year of ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. He and his wife, Dianne, are the proud parents of Elizabeth, soon to be 2, and are expecting another child in March '87.

## 1985

### Janet Lin

1680 York Avenue, Apt. 2F  
New York, NY 10128

**Peter Bentivegna** was a visiting resident in Plastics/Reconstruction at the MGH/Shriners Burn Center in Boston during November/December '86, and is a resident in general surgery at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. He has been accepted for membership in the Undersea Medical Society.

**Hilary Cholhan** wrote that he and his wife, Myroslava, expected their first child

**Jonathan Jahr** has moved to Pittsburgh, where he is a resident in anesthesiology and critical care medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He has continued playing the cello, and is now with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra.

**Richard Monticciolo** wrote that he was entering his PGY-2 in anesthesiology at Yale-New Haven Hospital, having finished his internship at the Hospital of St. Raphael, also in New Haven.

**Palmo Pasquariello** wrote that he and Ella Sabatelli, an R.N. at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York City, planned to be married.

**Lee Phillips** recently completed a transitional internship at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, NJ, and is now in his first year of a radiology residency at SUNY Buffalo.

**Richard Rothfleisch** is in flight surgery training with the U.S. Navy.

**Gerald Schiff** announces the birth of a son, Jeremy Daniel.

# In Memoriam

The Board of Governors of the Alumni Association reports with sorrow the deaths of members, and extends deep sympathy to their families.

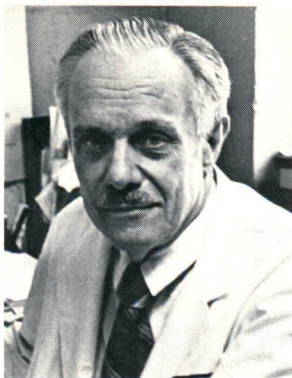
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Clara Diasio	'29
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Reuben B. Silverstein	'29
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Nathan Persky	'30
Irwin P. Train	'30
Irvin Klein	'33
James W. Lent	'34
Abraham Rosenthal	'34
Louis A. Iamele	'35
Fred F. Senerchia	'35
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Richard D. Dugan	'53
Seldon R. Graham	'57
Edward Learner	'61
Roy G. Smith	'61
Joseph A. Greco	'62
Fred Reitman	'64
Jay R. Witten	'68
Daniel Peter Kulick	'69
Jose R. Arduengo	'80

Information for "In Memoriam" comes from a number of sources including notices in JAMA and letters to the Alumni Association from family or friends of the deceased.

Each year at the Annual Meeting of the Association the Archivist presents the names of those who have died and a moment of silence is observed.

If you should learn of the death of a classmate or graduate please send word to the Alumni Association so that appropriate action can be taken.





**Francis D. Speer, M.D.**, professor and chairman emeritus of the Department of Pathology, died on January 3, 1987. He was 77.

Unquestionably one of the most honored teachers in the history of New York Medical College, he was admired by students and colleagues throughout his career. Forty-one years ago the graduating students dedicated *Fleur-O-Scope* to him and subsequent classes continued to pay tribute to him, citing his "intellectual vigor, honesty, and capacity for turning uncertain, bewildered students into competent, ethical physicians."

Francis D. Speer was born in Philadelphia in 1909. He graduated from Hahnemann School of Science in 1929 and received the M.D. degree from Hahnemann School of Medicine in 1933.

Dr. Speer joined the College faculty in 1934 as an instructor in pathology and assistant pathologist of Flower Hospital. From then until his retirement on December 31, 1976 he was an increasingly important member of the college family. Alumni enjoyed his annual presentation of silver certificates to the 25-Year Class.

Teaching was always the aspect of his career he loved best. "Students should not be taught directly," he would say, "they should be induced to learn. A doctor should be the person in society who is the best educated."

In 1945 he was asked to direct the management of Commencement. The ceremony, held at The Waldorf Astoria, was a resounding success and Dr. Speer continued as Commencement "Impresario" until his retirement.

In 1949, the departments of pathology and clinical pathology were merged, with Dr. Speer in charge, giving him an extraordinarily heavy load. Nevertheless when students needed help he would coach them.

Dr. Speer's first wife, Eleanor Ayres, died in 1979. In 1982 he married Dr. Helga Kleinberger, who survives him, as do three children, Richard L. Speer, Linda Ann Diez, and John D. Speer, and three grandchildren. We extend deepest sympathy to all.

**C. Douglass Ford** died of cancer July 18, 1986. In a letter to Dr. Girolamo his wife, Betsy Ford, wrote: "He was a graduate of whom New York Medical College could be proud. After internship in the Army and service in Germany, he took his residency in internal medicine at Toledo Hospital...Doug was an 'idea' man—a problem solver. He started nuclear medicine at Toledo Hospital back in 1956—and was its director up to his death...He was a past-president of the Northwest Ohio Heart Association, and counselor and president of the Ohio State Medical Association. He was also a delegate to the AMA for the past 10 years. A clinical associate of the Medical College of Ohio, he received their distinguished citizen award in 1985...Doug was a lot of fun, and he will be missed by his two sons, four daughters, two grandchildren, a brother, Bob, and many friends and associates."

The Alumni Association expresses deep sympathy to Betsy Ford and her family.

## In Memoriam

**Milton H. Firestone** '30 a psychiatrist, died on August 27, 1986 in Laguna Hills, California. He was 82.

His wife, Ethel Firestone, writing to *Chironian* of his career, said that he was in general practice from 1931 to 1934, and was on the staff of two state hospitals in Massachusetts, from 1939 to 1941. He then served as a clinical assistant in child psychiatry to Dr. Leo Kanner at Johns Hopkins. In World War II he was a psychiatrist with the rank of Major in the U.S.A.A.F. In 1947, he was certified in psychiatry and neurology. For 20 years thereafter he was with the California Mental Health Department, and later was a consultant to the California Department of Social Welfare.

The Alumni Association extends deepest sympathy to Ethel Firestone and her daughter, Sue Miller, and four grandchildren.



**Edward H. Mandel '45**, professor and chairman of the Department of Dermatology from 1972 until his retirement in July 1986, died on October 13, 1986. A member of the Alumni Association's Board of Governors, he was 65.

Edward H. Mandel was born in New York and educated in the city's schools. He took his B.S. at Cornell University and graduated from New York Medical College in 1945. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army, in Japan, until 1947, then took post-graduate training at Skin and Cancer Hospital and courses in mycology at Duke University, before joining the NYMC faculty in 1952. He was appointed chairman in 1972.

Dr. Samuel H. Rubin, former Dean and Provost of the Medical College worked with Edward Mandel throughout most of his chairmanship. He spoke of him to *Chironian*.

"When Ed Mandel became Chairman of Dermatology the department had lost its residency accreditation and was at its lowest ebb," Dr. Rubin said. "He determined to reorganize and make it the best department attainable. He took hold, more than met the standards, and regained the residency. In fact, his residencies became coveted posts and he attracted top-notch people. Ed was an extremely effective worker. He loved creating and developing programs, and he enjoyed bringing up young doctors.

"Ed Mandel had great courage, personally and professionally, and a deep loyalty to the medical school. He was a role model of a decent, honest man and a skilled and dedicated physician," Dr. Rubin said.

Ruth Freundlich, who managed Dr. Mandel's private office, said: "He was the kindest, gentlest, most caring person I have ever known. No matter how he was feeling, he was determined to give each patient his absolute best. 'That is what I am here for,' he would say.

Dr. Mandel is survived by his wife, Cynthia, his mother, Minerva, a daughter, Susan, and a son, Andrew, who have our heartfelt sympathy.



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## Coming Events

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### **Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association**

Alumni Center, Valhalla Campus

**Friday, May 29, 1987**

### **Five-Year Class Reunions (Other than 25th)**

Alumni Center, Valhalla Campus

**Saturday, May 30, 1987**

### **25th Reunion, Class of 1962**

Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (Flower Hospital)

**Saturday, May 30, 1987**

### **Cocktail Reception and Annual Alumni Banquet**

The Plaza Hotel, New York City

**Sunday, May 31, 1987**

### **128th Commencement**

Valhalla Campus

**Monday, June 1, 1987**

### **Luncheon Honoring the Class of 1937**

**Monday, June 1, 1987**

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